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**Attorney General's Office sponsors Spring 2010 Community Shredding Days**  
*Free consumer shredding offered, starting Saturday, May 8 in Wilmington*

**Wilmington** – The Attorney General's Office is sponsoring three "Community Shred Days" this spring in an ongoing effort to prevent identity theft statewide. Each free event features on-site document shredding and staff from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit will be on-hand to provide information and answer questions about identify theft and consumer fraud. Consumers may bring up to three file-sized boxes of documents; emptied boxes will be returned immediately.

"Shredding documents with personal identifying information is an important precaution consumers should take to reduce their risk of becoming victims of identity theft," Attorney General Biden stated. "I invite all Delawareans to take advantage of our free shredding service, and to contact my office to learn more about guarding against identity theft and fraud."

Identity thieves use a variety of methods to obtain consumers' personal information. A common technique is rummaging through trash looking for bank statements, bills, and other documents. Consumers are cautioned to safeguard themselves by shredding these documents before discarding them.

Each shred day will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, May 8	New Castle	Frawley Stadium parking lot 801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington
Saturday, May 22	Kent	Bosco's parking lot at the Dover Mall 1365 N. Dupont Highway, Dover
Saturday, June 5	Sussex	State Social Services Building 546 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown (off Route 113)

The Attorney General's 2009 Community Shred Days, held last spring and fall, resulted in the safe destruction of more than 16 tons of documents. The shredded material, in turn, was sent to recycling plants to be reused in post consumer paper products. Learn more about identity theft by visiting [www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers](http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers) or call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424.

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